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## LLOYD GEORGE RESIGNS AS PREMIER LATE TODAY

Presents Resignation at Buckingham Palace Following Unionist Caucus—Marks End of Coalition—Unionists Vote For Election—End of "Big Four"

(By United Press.)  
London, Oct. 19.—David Lloyd George resigned as Prime Minister of Great Britain at 4:15 o'clock this afternoon.

Advancement of Lloyd George's resignation was made by him to a delegation of ministers. He said he had tendered his resignation and the king had accepted. An official announcement is expected forthwith.

He presented his resignation to King George at Buckingham Palace after the Unionist caucus, which met at the Colquhoun club repudiated his ministry. This marks the end of the coalition government which came into being during the war.

Herbert Asquith was British premier, at the head of a liberal ministry, with Lloyd George as chancellor of the exchequer. Asquith allowed Lloyd George to direct the war without interference. The latter proved a failure through lack of adaptability to the changing method of modern combat. Shortage of proper artillery at the front was made the excuse for Asquith's overthrow.

The British public demanded a non-partisan war and Lloyd George was chosen to head a coalition cabinet of liberals, conservatives and laborites. The choice fell on him because of the success and interest he had shown as minister of munitions during the previous year and because of his optimism.

The resignation of Lloyd George marks the passing of the last of the "Big Four" of the Versailles Peace conference.

Lloyd George, former President Wilson, former Premier Clemenceau of France and former Premier Lindbergh of Italy, comprised the "Big Four."

It is understood Lloyd George advised King George to invite Bonar Law to form a ministry. The king summoned Bonar Law before him tonight and in keeping with British political history will fulfill the request of the premier. Bonar Law was the active leader of the Unionist party until about a year ago, when his health broke down. At that time, the reins of leadership passed to Austen Chamberlain. However, Chamberlain was never formally inducted with the leadership of the party.

The statesman whom the king will probably ask to form a government has been more active in politics recently. It has been said that he has been the real power behind Chamberlain.

Upon the conclusion of the war an attack against Lloyd George was begun similar to the campaign recently started by his political enemies. Lloyd George accepted the challenge and appealed to the country at a general election held December 14, 1918. He was supported by the conservative voters, and most of the Liberals, who wanted the coalition government continued during peace negotiations. Lloyd George declared in his campaign that he could bring Kaiser and other German war lords to trial and would make Germany pay for the war.

Asquith and a few personal followers fought Lloyd George up to the election because of their belief in 1918.

Since 1918 Lloyd George's position in overthrowing the Asquith ministry has been undermined by attacks from many quarters. His reputation of his campaign pledges concerning the Kaiser's trial and the German enemy has not been hurt because that was in line in general public opinion. But the younger politicians have been restless under the continued coalition rules. The young men, both in conservative and liberal circles have become convinced that the coalition is only a device for keeping Lloyd George in power.

Lloyd George is to meet his liberal supporters in a caucus this afternoon. Chamberlain has also called a caucus of the conservative supporters of the premier.

At these conferences, it will be decided what attitude will be taken toward the successor of Lloyd George. In case Bonar Law is unable to bring the various factions together to form a ministry, it is possible that King George might summon Lloyd George to form a new government.

London, Oct. 19.—The unionist caucus, meeting at the Carlton Club

### RESIGNATION MAY CAUSE DELAY IN SETTLEMENT

Washington, Oct. 19.—The resignation of the Lloyd George coalition cabinet may cause further delay to the negotiations between the United States and Great Britain, looking toward the funding of the Great British war debt to this country.

Sir Robert Horne, British chancellor of the exchequer, was to have left London about November 1 to meet with the American foreign debt re-funding commission and officials here, believe the cabinet downfall will make it necessary to postpone the negotiations for a short period.

Otherwise the resignation of George is not expected to affect American-British relations.

today, voted 186 to 87 in favor of appealing to the Country at a general election as a united conservative party.

The vote carried with it the party's announced intention of having a conservative premier if successful at the polls.

This amounts to a repudiation of the coalition and of Lloyd George, unless the prime minister will definitely announce himself as conservative.

At present, although head of the coalition government, Lloyd George is considered a liberal.

The Unionist vote, according to authorities, means that Lloyd George will probably resign, the premier having indicated this would be his action if the unionist caucus failed to support Chamberlain, who stood for the coalition.

London, Oct. 19.—Several hundred of Lloyd George's political foes booed and jeered on the sidewalk as Austen Chamberlain's hand picked unionist caucus met inside the exclusive Carlton Club at 11 a. m. today.

The "die hards"—members of the unionist party who are opposed to continuation of support of the coalition government, of which Lloyd George is head—gathered in front of the ultra-respectable club and staged demonstrations against Chamberlain and Sir Robert Horne, avowed supporters of the Prime Minister, when they entered.

"Judais" was the cry that went up as Lord Birkenhead alighted from his car and hurried to the shelter of the club.

Today's meeting of the unionist, or conservative party was brought about as the result of the political crisis caused by the policies of the Georgian government both at home and in the near east.

Presumably it was called for the purpose of deciding whether or not the Unionist party would continue to cooperate with the liberals of which the Premier is leader, in support of the coalition.

However, it was taken as a foregone conclusion that the caucus would go on record as favoring Lloyd George's ministry because there were few invited to the meeting by Chamberlain who are opposed to the Prime Minister.

Chamberlain, the opposition press and "die hards" charged, picked only those who would vote in favor of the fiery Welshman.

Bonar-Law, one of the "die hards" delivered unfavorable to continued support of Lloyd George but who has made no statement to that effect was cheered as he was recognized at the door of the club.

Only members of parliament who espoused the unionist cause and conservative cabinet members were invited to the Chamberlain meeting.

### Prosecutor Drops From Public View

Are Keeping "Mum" on Developments in New Jersey Case—Publicity Spoils Plans—Attorney Located in Somerville

New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 18.—Prosecutor Beekman dropped out of sight during the night and it is reported he is questioning a suspect secretly, in connection with the murder of the Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills.

This is understood to have followed disclosures that the rector and his choir singer sweetheart were slain in cold blood behind a school house on the Red Bank road, four miles from the abandoned Phillips farm where their bodies were found.

If the person under suspicion proves an alibi, Beekman will reappear and nothing more will be heard of the matter.

These new secret tactics of the prosecution were adopted because the attorney said newspaper reporters interfered with their investigation.

A number of detective who have been working on the case, as well as several state policemen, disappeared the same time as Beekman.

Two men witnesses—the owner of a busline and an employee of Rutgers College—have come forward with testimony that they heard a woman screaming for mercy behind the school house on the Red Bank road about 10:30 p. m. September 14. They heard the woman cry, "Help," "Police," and "don't murder me."

A big automobile was discerned standing in the darkness beside the road, near the school house.

A few minutes later this automobile passed them at terrific speed. It is the theory of the authorities that at that time, the big car was being used to carry the bodies of the slain couple to the Phillips farm.

About twenty minutes later the man testified, the same car whisked by them again—this time returning towards New Brunswick from the direction of the Phillips farm where the corpses were laid out.

Two handkerchiefs also were found—one a man's with an initial in the corner, the other a woman's, Charlotte Mills, daughter of the slain woman, is said to have identified the latter one as her mother's. It is a small filmy affair. Both handkerchiefs were blood-stained.

When this new information came to the authorities several days ago they summoned Mrs. Hall and her brothers, Henry and William, for questioning. All were interrogated and Mrs. Hall was confronted with a "mystery woman"—in reality a Hungarian farmer's wife—simply to distract her attention while the two new witnesses viewed her from the side. The only result was that the widow and her brothers left the court house and returned to their home.

However, Beekman's disappearance last night caused the report that he had a new clue which he was following in secret. Beekman was located this morning at Somerville. He refused to discuss the events of the night. The new investigation is still in progress.

### MILLIONAIRES SON WORKS AS PUDDLER

(By United Press.)  
Chicago, Oct. 19.—A chip off the old block is Joseph Block, who is going to follow his father's footsteps.

Block 22, the son of L. E. Block, millionaire chairman of the board of directors of the Inland Steel Company, recently graduated from Cornell university.

He is now learning the steel business from the ground up.

For a month he was a member of the "puddlers gang" at the Inland Steel Company mill, at Chicago Heights. The "puddlers," by the way, have the hottest job in the mill.

Stripped to the waist they direct the course of the huge molten metal which comes from the furnaces. Block isn't going into the thing in a half-hearted way, either. He eats, lives and sleeps with his companions at the mill. He shares a dinner pail and joins in the evening and morning march of the workers. He earns 35 cents an hour. Block is a favorite among the burly, muscular crew.

"The work is hard. To learn the business one must start at the bottom. You can't expect knowledge to be handed to you on a platter," Block said.

## SUSPECT FOUL PLAY IN CASE OF UNKNOWN

Body Probably Murdered Brought to Warwick, Fairfax, County

### POSTPONE INQUEST

Chester, Pa., Authorities Ask For Description—Metal Tag of Sun Shipbuilding Co., May Help to Identify Man.

The man whose skeleton was found near the river shore off Warwick, Fairfax County, three miles south of Alexandria yesterday afternoon, was murdered is the opinion of Justices of the Peace Frank W. Troth who today carefully examined the clothing worn by the man. Justice Troth deferred holding an inquest until he can obtain more data and hope is expressed that the body will be identified some time today by means of a metal tag of the Sun Shipbuilding Company bearing the number 3007 above which was in small figures the number 81.

Justice Troth thinks that the body probably was brought to the point where it was found.

The man had been dead at least four months and apart from the metal tag of the shipbuilding company, which would indicate that he probably was at one time employed by that company in Chester, Pa., there was nothing else by which the authorities might ascertain his identity.

The Alexandria police last night received a telegram from John Vance, chief police, Chester, Pa., in which he requested more particulars. The Chester authorities are now working on the case, the additional information being furnished them.

The skull of the man was at least twenty feet from the body. The coat of the man was found and rested beneath his body.

A paid of scapulars, a small cross, pocketknife and a pair of eye-glasses were in his pocket. He wore a black derby hat and white shirt with blue stripes and his shoe were rough.

Up to 2 o'clock this afternoon the police of this city had not received any further information regarding the identity of the man.

### Verdict For \$10,000 Given By Jury

James L. Kelly Awarded Amount Sought in Suit Against Texas Company—Jury Out One Hour

A jury in the corporation court after being out one hour and five minutes at 6:30 o'clock last night awarded a verdict for \$10,000 the amount sought in the suit of James L. Kelly, administrator, against the Texas Company.

Mr. Kelly sued to recover the foregoing amount for the death of his son, Stanley Kelly, who was fatally injured August 2, 1921, when the motorcycle he was driving and a motor truck of the defendant company came together on Duke street, extended.

Harry W. Wade was foreman of the jury.

The complainant was represented by Attorney Charles Henry Smith and the defendant company by Judge J. K. M. Norton and Brandenburg and Brandenburg of Washington.

### General Sawyer Is Bitterly Denounced

Legion Demands Removal of General Sawyer as "Mentally Unfit" to Hold His Present Post

(By United Press.)  
New Orleans, Oct. 19.—The American Legion convention today demanded removal of Brig. Gen. Sawyer, chief ordinator of the Legion's program of the Federal Hospital department.

The legion voiced its demand for the removal of Sawyer when it approved by an overwhelming majority the resolution offered Guy S. Barren of Minnesota.

## MAY REDUCE NUMBER ON SCHOOL BOARD

City Council To Meet School Trustees Tuesday Night

### TWELVE ON BOARD

Want Traffic Signs—Appropriation of \$16,000 For Sewer Goes Over—To Name Assistant to Auditor—Postpone Appointment of Five to School Board.

A reduction in the number of school trustees is favored by the new council, and for that reason council yesterday afternoon deferred the election of five trustees whose terms have expired and requested the members of the school board to meet the members of council in joint session next Tuesday night for the purpose of discussing the proposed change.

Councilman Jones stated that after investigation had been found that the number of school trustees could be very much lessened. On motion of Councilman Bryant the city manager was authorized to obtain all of the data he could on the subject with the idea of having the number of members comprising the board reduced.

The terms of the following trustees have expired: Gilbert J. Cox, C. E. Tennesson, C. A. Bladen, Dr. S. B. Moore, and C. E. Dare. Mr. Tennesson has resigned as trustee.

The board at the present time is composed of twelve members, three from each ward.

A resolution appropriating \$16,000 for the construction of a storm and sanitary sewer on King street, extended to be a twenty-four inch sewer which will take care of the Masonic Temple property and also a part of Rosemont. Mr. Rich explained that only \$4,000 will be needed for the sewer at the Masonic property, and the Masons will pay approximately \$1,000 of the cost of construction. Under the rules the resolution went over.

A resolution to employ an assistant to the city auditor under the new accounting system about to be installed and that the city auditor could occupy an advisory position was adopted.

On motion of Councilman Bryant the city manager was authorized to take steps to provide the city with traffic signs and traffic markers. Mr. Bryant also favored traffic policemen Saturday and Sunday evenings at the prominent intersections on King street and declared that Cameron street between Washington and Columbus streets, should be closed to eastbound traffic.

### FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SELECT LEADER

(By United Press.)  
New Orleans, Oct. 19.—The American Legion is finding it difficult to select a new national commander to succeed Harford MacNider. A dozen candidates are in the field, but none has developed enough strength to assure his election.

The election Friday was the principal topic of discussion as the convention went into session today.

Supporters of William F. Deegan of New York, were confident that he will win, but other candidates insisted Deegan's assured strength was not more than 20 per cent of the thousand votes. His candidacy has been complicated by his row with Col. C. E. Forbes, director of the United States Veterans' Bureau, which resulted in Forbes' departure and the cancellation of his engagement to speak before the convention.

Deegan's principal campaign medicine has been his attacks on the veterans bureau.

It was reported that Franklin D'Olier, past national commander, was ready to advance the name of Gen. James M. Drain, of Washington, D. C. Drain has been commander of that department and a member of the rehabilitation committee. Paul A. Martin of Michigan, who gained prominence in a fight for a tuberculosis hospital in Michigan, is one of the newer candidates mentioned.

### BRITAIN HAS NOT MADE A PROTEST

(By United Press.)  
Washington, Oct. 19.—The British embassy today reiterated its denial of Washington dispatches of the Associated Press that Great Britain had formally protested the seizure of prohibition agents of the British schooner Emerald, outside the three-mile zone on charges of liquor smuggling.

It was stated officially that an attaché of the embassy had only mentioned the seizure informally in conversation with a subordinate official of the State Department, and that the British government had not yet determined what action it would take.

## PROBABLE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTIONS

Republicans Likely to Lose Forty-Three Seats in House Although Facts Point Toward Slight Gain in Senate—Are Secure in the West

### HOT CONTESTS WAGED IN MANY STATES

Washington Correspondent Makes Exhaustive Review of Political Situation—Ohio is Scene of Most Interesting and Uncertain Campaign

### Indifference As To Election Is Noted

Many Fail to Qualify For Election—Interest Only About 50 Per Cent—Small Number of Votes is Forecast

(By United Press.)  
Washington, Oct. 19.—The extent of popular indifference to the appeal of politics this year is revealed in the registration figures now being compiled by the United Press.

These figures emphasize two facts previously apparent to political leaders from their general observation.

1. That the public generally, the country over, is about 50 per cent less interested in this year's congressional election than it was in the presidential campaign in 1920.

2. That the only places where interest approximates or exceeds that of 1920 are those where local issues have aroused partisanship.

It has been so apparent for weeks that the electors were not even interested enough to qualify themselves to vote in November, that both parties, but the Republicans in particular, have been centering their campaign efforts on that one thing—Just getting people to vote.

The Republicans contend that the lack of interest means the people are satisfied with the Republican control of Congress and intend to continue it. So they assert that all they have to do to win is to bring out approximately their normal vote. Indications are that both they and the Democrats will fail in this.

In 1920, the Republicans and Democrats combined polled a total of 26,200,000 votes. This year a total of less than 20,000,000 is looked for.

The big cities are indicative of the general state of mind. In New York, registration this year fell off 175,000 from 1920. In Chicago, 809,434 voters registered this year, where a million had been expected. In 1920, the registration was 881,190. Chicago's registration figures were typical for the entire State of Illinois.

In Pennsylvania, where Pinchot and McSparran have been campaigning for the governorship, it is estimated that registration is 35 per cent lower than two years ago. Pittsburgh had 114,000 registered voters then, and this year but 82,000; Philadelphia had 450,371 then and virtually 100,000 less this year.

St. Louis dropped 50,000 from 1920, in spite of the intense interest in the Fred-Brewster senatorial fight. In Minnesota, where there is no registration outside cities, party leaders expect a vote of about 600,000 instead of the 708,000 cast in 1920. Indiana, on the contrary, expects to exceed its 1920 registration of 1,400,000 and its vote of 1,250,000. Indiana is always interested in politics, however.

California, which has local issues, also shows increased registration, 1,602,293 as compared with 1,375,000 in 1920. In Denver and Colorado, a sharp drop is shown. Denver registered 97,000 in 1920, this year 80,000. Wisconsin has no registration for general elections, but the campaign went itself out there in the primary contest, and the 500,000 Republican votes will go mostly to LaFollette.

Massachusetts, which votes on beer and wine in addition to congressional candidates, shows heightened interest, with a Boston registration of 209,000 again 201,000 two years ago.

In Washington, Oregon, Montana, and other Western States, registration is about the same as in 1920.

### SHRINE CEREMONIAL AT MANASSAS

A large number of members of Aera temple, Mystic Shrine, will attend the ceremonial at Manassas, Va., tomorrow. The program provides for the arrival of the Shriners at 3:30 p. m., and parade at 4:30 and band concert at 5 o'clock. There will be a buffet banquet at 6 and a business session at 7 and the ceremony at 7:30 p. m.

On Saturday many of the Shriners will visit Covington where they will be guests of the Shriners of that place. They expect to reach Covington about midnight. On Sunday, the Shriners will be at Hot Springs and other places and expect to return Monday. This is one of the most attractive trips planned, and it is expected that a large delegation of Richmond Shriners will be in line.

A special train from Richmond will arrive at Cameron Run at 2:15 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and a special from Washington will reach this city at 2:30 o'clock that will pick up the special at Cameron Run and proceed to Manassas. They will leave Manassas at 11:30 o'clock at night returning home an hour later.

(By Isaac Gregg)  
Washington, Oct. 19.—The Gazette's Washington correspondent presents to its readers today a forecast on the probable results of the elections in November. He has talked to both Democratic and Republican campaign managers who have been in daily touch with the conditions throughout each State in the Union and from those sources, he is able to give to those interested in the outcome an impartial view of the situation.

In the Middle Western States east of the Mississippi including Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Kentucky and Tennessee, reports received at the headquarters of the Republican and Democratic parties in the last few days indicate that while the Republicans may have a gain of one Senate in these States, they will lose possibly as many as twenty-two seats in the House.

Loss of these seats in the House added to the loss of twenty-one seats indicated in the East means a total loss of forty-three seats east of the Mississippi, which is a large number, but still not enough to indicate Democratic control of the next House for the Republicans have but one really had spot west of the Mississippi and that is in Missouri.

Three weeks ago, the seat of Senator Howard Sutherland, Republican incumbent in West Virginia, was virtually conceded to the Democrats, but a fighting organization there has changed the aspect of things completely according to the Republican reports and Sutherland now stands an excellent chance of victory of his opponent, former Congressman M. M. Neely. Sutherland, it is declared by the Republicans, will carry the State with comparative ease and will carry with him the whole of the Republican delegation in the House with the exception of one member whose seat is in doubt.

The outstanding feature of the whole election is undoubtedly the campaign in Ohio where both parties are throwing in large amounts of money and their ablest speakers in an effort to carry the President's home State. Senator Atlee Pomerene, Democratic incumbent, an exceedingly able man and a vigorous campaigner, is making excellent headway in his fight against Representative Simon D. Fess, Republican nominee, it is declared, but faces odds that gives the edge in the campaign to his opponent. From this angle it appears that Fess will be the winner although the Democrats seem to have sacrificed their chances in several other States for the doubtful strategy of trying to put over Mr. Pomerene for the effect it will have on the presidential campaign of 1924.

Notwithstanding Mr. Fess's probable edge in the race, which ought to give him victory by not fewer than 50,000 votes, a number of Republican congressmen, variously estimated by the Republican and Democratic campaign committees, are sure to go down to defeat. While Republican headquarters insist not more than six of the solid Republican delegation of twenty-two members will be defeated, the Democrats are claiming from ten to twelve. Conservative estimates made it appear that probably seven or eight, more likely the former number of Republican House members will fail to be returned.

Next to Missouri, Republicans declare, Ohio is the worst spot they have in the nation, it being not even worse than New York where the election of seven Democrats in the place of Republicans is almost conceded.

Despite the issue of Newberryism and despite the fact that former Gov. Woodbridge N. Ferris, Democrat, has never yet lost a political campaign in his State, Republicans are claiming an easy Senate victory in Michigan. Senator Townsend, they declare, will be elected with comparative ease and will carry with all except one of the congressional districts, this being the First district, in Detroit, where a Democrat appears likely to gain the seat unless there is an unexpected upset.

Indiana is also debatable ground between the two parties, Republicans claiming the State by from 50,000 to 75,000 votes while the Democrats insist that former Governor Ralston, Democrat, will defeat his Republican opponent, former Senator Beveridge, by a small but sufficient margin. However, reports from confidential sources are that Beveridge's managers have succeeded at least temporarily in patching up the political difficulties of this feud-ridden State and that Beveridge will be a comparatively easy winner unless unexpected

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### Bible Thought for Today

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.—Mark 11, 24.